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Maris Pacifici quod vulgo Mar del Zud

Stock#: 1558
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1598
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice full color example of the 1598 French edition of Ortelius' Maris Pacifici. Ortelius' Theatrum Orbis Terrarum is widely regarded as the first modern atlas. At the time of its publication, it was the most expensive book ever produced. Between 1570 and 1612, it was issued in 31 editions and 7 languages. The Maris Pacifici map was first issued in 1590. It is based upon Mercator's world map of 1569, with details from 25 Portuguese manuscript maps of Bartolomeo de Lasso which Plancius obtained and later used for his own world map. Ortelius shows the Moluccas and the Philippines, already the site of considerable Dutch activity and a misprojected Japan. An odd Isla de Plata appears above Japan. Guam (Isla de Ladrones) is shown. New Guinea appears much different than on Ortelius' World map of 1588, suggesting he may have drawn additional information from an unrecorded voyage. Among other notable features, it is detached from Terra Australis. The Solomons or Melanesia are located, as are some of the islands of Micronesia. This was the first map to focus on the Pacific Ocean. The map reflects a much smaller body of water than the true size of the Pacific. The treatment of America and notably the West Coast is reminiscent of Hondius' America. Van den Broecke 12. Minor centerfold repair, otherwise an attractive wide margined example with French text on the verso.

Detailed Condition: